THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) and (b) The Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Commission (MRTP) has reported that on receipt of a petition from Consumer Education and Research Centre, Ahmedabad, under section 36 coupled with an application under section 12A of the MRTP Act, alleging that M / s Peerless General Finance and Investment Company Ltd., Calcutta, has been misrepresenting about its financial savings scheme, the Commission had ordered an investigation in 1985. The company filed a petition before the Calcutta High Court and obtained a stay order form the Court which is still operative. The matter is, therefore, *sub-judice.*

Use of Staff Cars by the Officers of ITDC

1634. SHRI N.E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the names, designations, scales of pay and job-description of ITDC executives enjoying the facility of chauffeur driven cars termed as 'Staff Cars' for achieving operational and administrative efficiency by each;

(b) the annual expenses of each car during the years 1986-87 to March, 1990 and expenditure incurred on the running and maintenance / repairs of each vehicle and borne by each division / unit of ITDC; and

(c) the amount of money paid as fixed and local conveyance allowance to other employees in the particular division / unit where these cars have been shown as attached during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK): (a) to (c) The requisite information is given in statements I, [*See* Appendix CLIV, Annexure No. 74] II [*See* Appendix CLIV, Annexure No. 75] and III [*See* Appendix CLIV, Annexure No. 76 respectively.

Courses sponsored by ITDC

1635. SHRI N.E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of executives and non-executives in ITDC with basic qualifications and experience of each who have been sponsored by ITDC for various courses / seminars organised by the external professional organisations in India and abroad and the amount of fees etc. charged for the particular course / seminar, duration and title of the course contents / seminars, during the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that due to some personal gains, some executives of ITDC patronised only Delhi Productivity Council which got maximum sponsorship from ITDC at very exorbitant fees for the courses / seminars which could easily have been organised by ITDC itself through its Training Cell in collaboration with professional / experts from other outside agencies during the above said period; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to institute an inquiry in the matter and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK): (a) The details of executives and non-executives sponsored by ITDC for courses / seminars organised abroad are given in Annexure-I [*See* Appendix CLIV, Annexure No. 77] and of those organised in India are given in Annexure-II. [*See* Appendix CLIV, Annexure No. 78.]

(b) No, Sir. During the last 3 years (1987-88 to 1989-90), there were only 14 ITDC nominees on merit basis to

courses / seminars organised by Delhi Productivity Council out of the total nominations of 267 persons.

(c) Does not arise in view of reply to (b) above.

Insurance facility for people on election duty

1636. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that booth capturing, violence and murder are common features during elections in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a large number of persons engaged in election work suffer grievous injuries and even death while on election duty;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to provide an insurance cover to those persons; and

(d) if the answer to part (c) above be in the negative what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) and (b) Though cases of booth capturing and violence have taken place during the recent elections, it cannot be treated as a common feature.

(c) and (d) Such a proposal has not been considered necessary.

Foreign Trips Undertaken by the Executives of ITDC

1637. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of foreign exchange spent and earned by ITDC during 1986-87 to March, 1990;

(b) whether there has been an increase in the spending of foreign exchange during the above period; if so, what are the reasons therefor.

(c) whether it is a fact that most of the trips undertaken by individual / group of executives of ITDC during the above period have just been for merry-makings, personal gains and enjoyment rather than the business interest of the Corporation; and

(d) if the answer to part (c) above be in the negative what are the achievements / benefits which ITDC derived out of the visit (s) undertaken by the executives during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK): (a) The requisite information is given below:

Year	Foreign Exchange	
	Earned	Spent
	(Rupees in crores)	
1986-87	18.92	6 58
1987-88	19.93	8.68
1988-89	21.85	10.36
1989-90 (Provisional)	28.36	13 46

The foreign exchange earned does not include the foreign exchange received by the Travel Agents and paid to ITDC in Indian currency.

(b) The increase in foreign exchange spending is mainly due to import of goods for sale at Duty Free Shops at International Airports against foreign currency.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. The foreign tours have been / are undertaken by ITDC Executives in connection with foreign projects / ventures, holding food Festivals of India, participation in annual conventions of World bodies (like World Tourism Organisation, Pacific Asia Travel Association, American Society of Travel Agents) etc. Though Quantification of benefits from each individual foreign tour, in terms of business generation, is not feasible, these have positively helped ITDC in achieving increased profitability.